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Section 63.71 Application of SBC Long Distance, LLC d/b/a AT&T Long Distance	) ) File No. )	Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, To Discontinue the Provision of Service	) ) )	

# SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF SBC LONG DISTANCE, LLC. d/b/a AT&T LONG DISTANCE

SBC Long Distance, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Long Distance Service ("AT&T LD"), applies for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act, as amended ("the Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, 47 C.F.R. §63.71, to discontinue the following interstate services: Local Business Access Lines, Local Primary Rate ISDN (PRI), Local Digital Trunks (DTS), and Local T-1 Integrated Access (IAS).

As required by Section 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, AT&T is providing the following information:

Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(1), (b)(2)):

SBC Long Distance, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Long Distance 1010 N Saint Mary's Street, #13L San Antonio, TX 78215

Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):

AT&T LD will no longer offer these services to new customers on or after July 11, 2007, subject to Commission authorization of the discontinuance pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c).

AT&T LD will continue to provide services to its existing customers until their existing contracts expire or are terminated.

## Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):

AT&T LD will discontinue these services in South Carolina.

### Brief Description of Type of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):

- 1. Business Direct Access Line Service (also known as Phone Solutions and Phone Solutions Plus) allows customers to place outbound calls to terminating domestic and international locations originating in the United States via switched or dedicated origination. Customers must dial "1+" the area code or country code and the number.
- 2. Primary Rate ISDN(PRI) Service provides communications using Integrated Service Digital Network (ISDN) Primary Rate Interface (PRI) technology. This service employs a 1.544 Megabits per second (Mbps) facility typically divided into twenty-three B Channels and one D Channel. The B Channels are used for circuit-switched voice and data communications connecting to the public switched telephone network (PSTN) while the D Channel provides out-of-band signaling.
- 3. Digital Trunks (DTS) is a digital connection from the AT&T central office to the customer's PBX that handles as many as 24 digital voice or data channels. DTS uses the digital technology in the PBX to produce a digital signal to the central office and through the public telephone network. DTS simply supplies a digital local loop from the PBX to the central office without carrying the characteristic features normally gained from digital technology (e.g., Caller ID).
- 4. T-1 Integrated Access (IAS) is a service that allows a customer to combine both Local Business Access Line service and Internet access on a single shared T-1 circuit.

As a result of the acquisition of BellSouth Corporation and its affiliated companies by AT&T Inc., the combined entity is streamlining their service portfolio. If this Application is approved, the services described above, currently provided by AT&T LD, will be provided by another affiliate of AT&T.

The public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by this service discontinuance because there are many alternative providers of business services, including but not limited to AT&T Corp. Furthermore, none of the affected customers should experience a loss in service as AT&T plans to offer a comparable suite of services to these customers through another AT&T affiliate.

Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(3)):

AT&T LD notified customers by letter sent via U.S. Mail on May 22, 2007. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as Attachment A.

Copies of this Application are being sent, first class U.S. Mail, to the public utilities commission and governor of South Carolina and also to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.

# Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(4)):

AT&T LD is considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

Questions about this application may be addressed to Toni Acton, AT&T Services, Inc., Director – Federal Regulatory, 1120 20<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 457-3039.

### Conclusion:

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of this service since there are alternative providers of business services and AT&T will offer comparable services through another AT&T affiliate.

AT&T LD respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue the business services discussed above.

Respectfully submitted,

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May 23, 2007

# Attachment A



May 22, 2007

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VITRO AMERICA SBC CUSTOM BILLING 65 W Webster St FLR 3 JOLIET, IL 60432

#### Important Notice: Change in Your Local Telephone Service

Dear Valued Business Customer:

As you know, in November 2005, SBC Communications Inc. acquired AT&T Corp. As part of the integration process, the affiliated companies are streamlining their business services portfolios. As a result, several local telephone services offerings by AT&T Long Distance are being phased out and comparable local services will continue to be provided by one of AT&T Corp.'s affiliated companies

The local services in South Carolina from AT&T Long Distance affected by this action are:

- Local Business Access Lines, Phone Solutions and Phone Solutions Plus
- Local Intrastate Private Line
- Local Primary Rate ISDN (PRI)
- Local Digital Trunks (DTS)
- Local T-1 Integrated Access (IAS)

Note: Other AT&T Long Distance services are not affected

Our records indicate you currently have one of the services impacted by this change. AT&T values your business and looks forward to continuing to meet your telecommunications needs by offering comparable services — with no installation charges at equally competitive rates.

All existing AT&T Long Distance local service customers of record as of July 11, 2007, pending regulatory approval, and customers who have signed a contract or letter of intent on or before that date, will be provided service under the terms and conditions in effect on that date. These terms and conditions will apply until such time as the service is disconnected.

Subsequent additions or changes to existing service may be made at the terms and conditions in effect on July 11, 2007 (subject to availability of equipment and facilities) and at the rates in effect at the time the order is placed. No orders for service from new customers will be accepted after July 11, 2007, pending regulatory approval.

SBC must file a request to discontinue service at the FCC. The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of SBC Long Distance, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Long Distance. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

We value you as our customer and look forward to continuing to meet your telecommunications service needs. Please contact your AT&T Account Manager or AT&T at (877) 430-7228 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

AT&T Long Distance

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do certify that I have, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2007, served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the following:

/s/Lacretia Hill Lacretia Hill

Mark Sanford Governor of South Carolina P.O. Box 12267 Columbia, SC 29211

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Secretary of Defense Attn: Special Asst. for Telecommunications Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20301